



Dear Citizens,

Late last week, the federal government delivered great news for Baltimore.

To help cities prepare against the threat of terrorism and properly respond to disaster, each year the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides grant money to the country's largest metropolitan areas through its *Urban Area Security Initiative* (UASI). DHS has divided these into 46 "Urban Areas" throughout the United States. Baltimore's UASI area includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Harford, and Carroll Counties, and the city of Annapolis. Baltimore City is the chair for our UASI area and in that role is responsible for preparing and writing the grant application every year.

Among my highest priorities is to protect Baltimore's citizens against the all too real threats of the post 9-11 world and to be prepared for recovery should we be struck by a disaster, man-made or natural.

That is why I am so proud to announce today that, through the hard work of our dedicated emergency management personnel, Baltimore City scored a perfect 100 percent on our 2007 UASI grant application, ranking it at the top of all 46 Urban Areas across the country. Our score will bring in \$11.9 million dollars to help prepare our first responders and represents a 23% increase over last years' award of just \$9.6 million.

This funding allows the Baltimore Office of Emergency Management to equip, train and test our city's first responders and organize our city's emergency preparedness and response capabilities. Our 2007 UASI grant is wonderful news not only for Baltimore's firefighter/paramedics and police, but also for those in our entire metropolitan region as well.

Baltimore's perfect score of 100 compares to an average of just 83 points among all 46 Urban Areas across the country. Nationally, the UASI award amount is determined by a risk formula and a specific urban area's overall strength of application. An area's risk assessment counts for two-thirds of the score and how well the area plans its overall homeland security strategy

makes up the final third.

This year's score is indicative of the commitment by Emergency Management's staff, and our UASI partners around the region to keeping our metropolitan area properly prepared and trained for any potential hazards that have become unfortunate realities for every American city in today's world.

As always, I am interested in what you think about our plan to make our city a dynamic place to LIVE, EARN, PLAY and LEARN. Please [email me](#) your comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dixon  
Mayor  
Baltimore

### **Vote for HARBEL**

**HARBEL Community Association Vying for  
National Award**

HARBEL Community Organization is an umbrella group representing 25 community associations in North Baltimore.

Recently, HARBEL was selected as a regional winner of the Rezoom.com "A Better World" Contest. Now they are competing for a national award! The winning organization gets \$100,000!

To vote for HARBEL, go to [www.rezoom.com/abetterworld](http://www.rezoom.com/abetterworld), and follow the registration directions.

### **Flicks from the Hill**

**Thursday Starting at 9pm, June 21-August 9**

Thursdays at 9pm  
Next Movie: August 2nd *The Freshman* (1990)

FREE

The American Visionary Art Museum  
800 Key Highway, Baltimore  
[www.AVAM.org](http://www.AVAM.org)

The American Visionary Art Museum's Hughes Family Outdoor Theater Presents "Flicks from the Hill", a series of free family films screened under the AVAM's 'Golden Hand'. On nights when a film is showing, the Museum is free from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

**GreenCityBaltimore / Gwynns Falls Trail Council**

## **Art on the Gwynns Falls Trail Photo Safari**

*August 12, 2007*

Sunday, August 12  
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Winans Meadow at Leakin Park  
Baltimore

Pack your lunch and camera and bring your family, friends and neighbors to Winans Meadow at Leakin Park to view, enjoy, and photograph the 2007 Art on the Trail exhibit--brought to you by GreenCityBaltimore and the Gwynns Falls Trail Council.

Tour the show, talk with artists, historians and naturalists about the park, the Crimea Estate, and the Greater Gwynns Falls Trail.

Enjoy lots of fun events for adults and kids throughout the day including live music, a Native American "healing flute" exercise, "sun" photo projects, and the trains at the Crimea Estate.

Then participate in the GreenCityBaltimore photo contest at Flickr.com, with contest prizes to be awarded at the Art on the Trail's closing ceremony on Sept 2.

For more event info, see the GreenCityBaltimore [Events Page](#).

For more trail info/ directions to the trail, visit the Gwynns Falls [home page](#).

For event questions or to volunteer, contact Lois at [greencitybaltimore@yahoo.com](mailto:greencitybaltimore@yahoo.com) or (202) 302-1478.

## **CityScaping State Center Stakeholder Meeting**

*August 25, 2007*

10:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m.

Shake & Bake Family Fun Center  
1601 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Baltimore

The State of Maryland, the City of Baltimore and the State Center Development Team, and the Neighborhood Alliance are actively planning for the future of State Center. On August 25<sup>th</sup> we will be brainstorming and sharing our greatest ideas and hopes for the future of State Center. Come and participate in this phase of CityScaping – "Vision" and consider the possibilities!

For more information visit [www.statecenter.org](http://www.statecenter.org)

## **Baltimore Heritage Area Now Soliciting Grant Applications**

*Deadline is August 22, 2007*

August 22, 2007 is the application deadline for the **Baltimore Heritage Area Small Cap Grant Fund**.

The Fund provides matching grants of up to \$10,000 for capital projects within the Baltimore Heritage Area. For a copy of the application and instructions, log on to [www.baltimorecity.gov/government/heritage](http://www.baltimorecity.gov/government/heritage) and click on "What are the benefits of inclusion in the Baltimore City Heritage Area?" and "view the application."

For more information, contact Abbi Wicklein-Bayne  
e-mail: [abbi.wicklein-bayne@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:abbi.wicklein-bayne@baltimorecity.gov)  
Phone: (443) 984-2369.

## **Baltimore Farmers' Market**

*Sundays Under the JFX*

Baltimore Farmers' Market:

Everyone is invited to enjoy this one-of-a-kind shopping experience at economical prices. While strolling the market, guests can revel at the sight of the large quantity of the freshest fruits and vegetables, eggs, a variety of breads from Maryland area farmers, and delight in homemade treats. In addition, food vendors add spice to the market with cultural cuisine, popular pit beef sandwiches, pastries, cheeses, and gourmet treats.

Sundays, May 6 - December 23, 2007  
8am to sellout, approximately noon

Holliday and Saratoga streets underneath the Jones Falls Expressway

## **Activities for the Whole Family**

**Special Events All Around Baltimore**

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks offers activities for city residents and guests - educational hikes and walks, sports leagues, youth and senior activities, and fun for the family.

Please visit [Rec & Parks' Events Calendar](#) for dates and times.



## **TV25: How Baltimore sees itself**

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